

Cromwell

NOTICE

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of June, July, August and September, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, June 14 and 28

„ July 12 and 26

„ August 9 and 23

„ September 6 and 20

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business. For the transaction of ordinary business this office will be open every Monday.]

OTHER—Tuesday, June 29

„ July 27

„ August 24

„ September 21

[This office will be open for the transaction of ordinary business the Tuesday preceding each Court day.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, July 20

„ August 17

„ September 14

JACKSON KEDDELL,

Warden and R.M.

MR SPENCE H. TURTON
BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER,
CROMWELL
(TWO DOORS BELOW GOODGER'S HOTEL).

Mr Turton will visit Alexandra and Blacks every Court day, and Clyde when professionally required.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

K. PRETSCHE,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of **SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES** direct from the Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,

Watch and Clock Maker,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners and others, to the great strength of Dynamite, compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.

Nitro Glycerine, 93.36

No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent

Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz.:—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb

5 „ 2s 6d „

10 „ 2s 3d „

Delivery to be taken from Magazine.

DALGETY, NICHOLS, AND CO.

Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.

W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.

Miscellaneous.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

CRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR

of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR - PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

NOTICE

On and after this date, **POISON** will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queensberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,

Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

NOTICE

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that **POISON** will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

NOTICE

On and after this date, **POISON** will be laid for Rabbits on Ardour Station.

J. S. DEWAR,

Manager.

July 1, 1880.

THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency or New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these **STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.**

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The **SUPERIOR STRENGTH** of these **COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES** has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 „ 2s 6d „

10 „ 2s 3d „

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND
IRON MERCHANTS,
PRINCE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Cromwell

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER - Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled **XXXX ALES** in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST, &c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a **CASE-IRON BED FOR TIRING WHEELS**, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.
Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,

Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

Miscellaneous.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-

ANCE SOCIETY

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell

KAWARAU COAL PIT,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised as the best yet vended in the district. It burns freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell ... 24s per ton.

Bannockburn ... 20s do.

At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,

Proprietor.

COAL! COAL!! COAL!!!
BEST QUALITY IN DISTRICT.

EDWARD M'NULTY, JUNR.,

Having opened the Coal-pit known as M'Laughlin's, and placed same in thorough working order, is prepared to sell this Superior Coal—which burns brightly in stove or grate—at the following prices:—

At Pit's mouth ... 12s per Ton.

Delivered in Cromwell ... 20s per Ton.

Delivered at Bannockburn ... 20s per Ton.

16 Bags to the Ton!

EDWARD M'NULTY,

Proprietor.

WANAKA SAW-MILLS.
RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a **REGISTRY OFFICE** in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Luks),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

COBB AND CO.'S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE.

Will now be under the personal supervision of Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & Co.,

Proprietors.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The **PARTNERSHIP** hitherto existing at Dunedin between the undersigned in the business of Engineers and Iron Founders, under the firm of "Kincaid, M'Queen and Co.," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued under the same style by the undersigned **CHARLES M'QUEEN**, who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm, and receive all moneys due.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1880.

JAMES KINCAID

CHARLES M'QUEEN.

Witness:

ROBERT DICK, Solicitor, Dunedin.

With reference to the above, I beg to thank the numerous customers of the Firm for the liberal support that has been accorded during the past 18 years, and to express a hope that I shall retain the confidence that has been bestowed hitherto.

CHARLES M'QUEEN.

Hotels.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
BANNOCKBURN.

GEORGE MANSON. PROPRIETOR.

Having leased the above hotel from Mr Peake, the undersigned has completely renovated the premises, and effected such improvements as were necessary for the entire comfort and convenience of the public, rendering the house one of the best in the district.

THE PUBLIC HALL.

Attached to the Hotel has also been fitted up for meetings, entertainments, &c.

Alcock's prize Billiard Table and commodious room, supplied with every requirement.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of best brands and brew.
GEORGE MANSON, Proprietor.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES:

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night ... 6s
Single Feed ... 2s
Meals and Bed, each ... 2s
Board and Lodging, per week 20s
Board only ... 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotels

JOHN MARSH,

BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

GLOBE HOTEL,
CROMWELL

(Junction of Melmore and Erris-streets).

D. MURLEY. PROPRIETOR.

D. Murley has pleasure in intimating to his friends and the public generally that he has fitted up the Globe Hotel with every convenience and comfort, without regard to expense; and can confidently assure those who favor the house with their patronage that no effort will be spared to meet their wants.

Travellers will find the Globe a most comfortable home, with ample accommodation.

The Stabling is commodious, and the greatest care and attention will be bestowed on travellers' horses.

The Proprietor intends to make a speciality of his stock of Wines, Spirits and Beers—none but the best brands of which will be kept on the premises.

MOUNT PISA HOTEL,
WANAKA ROAD.

T. H. BYRON. Proprietor.

The above Hotel affords ample accommodation for travellers, and the Stabling is carefully attended to.

Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Beer.

BALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs. G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING
Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS. PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

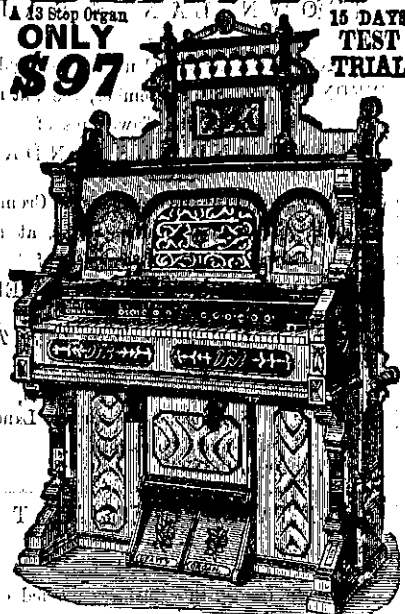
J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BEATTY



BEATTY ORGAN Style No. 1100.
A beautiful Celtic style of architecture in this case strikes the eye of the connoisseur, and stamps it at once as the most beautiful case extant. Dimensions: Height, 74 in.; Width, 48 in.; Depth, 24 in. 5 Sets of Reeds, 5 Octaves, 13 Stops. French Veneered Panelled Cases highly finished. Beatty's Improved Knee Swell, and Beatty's new Excelsior Grand Organ Knee Swell. The mechanism, design, and music in this Organ renders it the most desirable ever before manufactured for the parlor or drawing-room. Retail price asked for such an instrument by Agents, three years ago about \$300. My offer, Only \$97. Pay for the instrument only after you have fully tested it at your own home. If it is not as represented, return at my expense, I paying freight both ways. Remember, this offer is at the very lowest figure, and that I positively will not deviate from this price. Fully warranted for 6 years. 13 Ever Organ sold, sells others. The most successful House in America. More unsolicited testimonials than any manufacturer. I have extended my sales now over the entire world. The sun shines on where Beatty's lights his instruments. Since my recent return from an extended tour through the Continent of Europe, I am more determined than ever that no city or town throughout the entire civilized world shall be unrepresented by my celebrated instruments.

BEATTY PIANO \$125, \$135, \$145 and upwards. Beatty's Patent. Having recently been **ELICITED BY ALEXANDER** Illustrated Newspaper giving information about cost of Pianos and Organs sent free. Address: DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey.

TO THE PUBLIC OF CROMWELL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

MICHAEL DALEY,

BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and Surrounding Districts that he has PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late W. Taylor, and hopes for a continuance of the same liberal patronage enjoyed by the late firm.

All Orders and Repairs carefully and punctually attended to.

Note the Address—

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL (Opposite Talboys' London House, Drapery Establishment).

MEDICAL HALL DISPENSARY,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

HENRY HOTOP,

Having purchased the Business lately conducted by Mr Max. Gall, begs to inform the residents of Cromwell, Clyde and the surrounding districts that he is now the only Dispensing Chemist in Vincent County, and that, to meet the requirements of his business, he has supplied himself with a Large Stock of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS & PATENT MEDICINES
Of every description.

In connection with the above, H. Hotop has also a most varied and choice Stock of

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY,
SOAPS, COSMETICS, SCENTS,
&c., &c., &c.,

That will well repay a visit of inspection.

STATIONERY & BOOKS.

Ledgers, Journals, Day and Minute Books, Writing Paper and Envelopes of all classes.

GENERAL NEWS AGENCY.

English, European and American Newspapers and Journals supplied to Subscribers at low rates, and sent post free all over the country.

TOBACCOS & CIGARS

(Choicest Brands).

N.B.—As the business will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr H. Hotop, all those who may favor him with their command may rely on every attention being paid them.

Prescriptions most carefully dispensed.

Orders received from the Clyde portion of the district will be promptly attended to.

HENRY HOTOP,

Cromwell.

J. SOLOMON

IS NOW DISPLAYING HIS

NEW STOCK

OF

AUTUMN & WINTER

DRAPERY, CLOTHING AND BOOTS.

Personally selected by himself in Dunedin, and purchased, a bargain, for Cash. Consequently he is in a position to Sell Cheaper than any other house in Cromwell.

HE MEANS SELLING CHEAPER THAN EVER THIS SEASON!

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

OF

Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats
Ladies' and Maids' Seal Hats
Ladies' and Children's Jackets
Ladies' and Children's Ulsters
Ladies' and Children's Muffs and Capes
Ladies' Shawls
Collars and Cuffs
Pompadour Scarfs
Lace Sets
Ribbons
Gloves

And the finest Assortment of

LADIES' COSTUMES

(ALL COLORS)

That ever came into Cromwell!

A VERY LARGE VARIETY OF

WOOL GOODS,

Suitable for the Winter Season for both Ladies and Children.

NEW BLANKETS—Mosgiel and Kaiapoi
NEW WINCEYS
NEW MERINOS
NEW TARTANS
NEW CALICOES
NEW YARNS
NEW FLANNELS
NEW FINGERINGS.

AND AN IMMENSE VARIETY OF

NEW GOODS,

SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!!

LARGE STOCK OF

MEN'S YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING.
Flannels, Pants, Half-hose, Hats, Ties, Scarfs, &c., &c.

The Largest and Best-assorted

STOCK OF BOOTS

In the district. For Ladies', Gentlemen's, Youths, Maids' and Children's, and for price,

J. S. DEFIES COMPETITION!

SADDLES BRIDLES
SADDLE STRAPS MARTINGALES
WHIPS SPURS VALISES.

FANCY GOODS

PATENT MEDICINES

BOOKS—LARGE ASSORTMENT AND JEWELRY.

J. S. has the name for selling Cheaper than any Storekeeper in the district. He trusts the Public will favor him with a call, and prove the fact.

DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS:

J. SOLOMON,

OPPOSITE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

LOOK OUT!

FOR

O. CUMMINS.

He will visit the Surrounding Districts regularly with a first-class assorted Stock of Drapery, Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, &c., and his instructions are to Sell Cheap. J.S. trusts the public will give him a share of their patronage.

COUNTIES GAZETTE.

N O T I C E.

POISONED WHEAT. will be laid on the Dunstan and Cromwell Commonages on and after this date for Rabbits.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, June 26th, 1880.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.
ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the Nomination of Candidates for the representation of Macandrew Ward in the Cromwell Borough Council, held at the Court House on Friday, 3rd September,

JAMES STUART

being the only person proposed, was then, and is hereby declared duly elected a Councillor for said Macandrew Ward.

Dated at Cromwell this 3rd day of September, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Macandrew Ward.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.
ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for BRIDGE WARD will take place at the Council Chambers, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of September.

Dated at Cromwell this 6th day of September, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.
ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for KAWARAU WARD will take place at the Athenæum, at Noon on THURSDAY, the 16th day of September.

Dated at Cromwell this 6th day of September, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Kawarau Ward.

MELBOURNE CUP, 1880.
109 NOMINATIONS.

Printed Lists of the 109 Nominations with programme and other particulars are now being issued at the price of £1 each. Apply by letter (only); telegram orders to be avoided if possible. Please forward Registered Letters or Post Office Orders; crossed Cheques to have 1s added for exchange. Two Postage stamps necessary. Early applications for the Nomination Lists should be sent, or else the first edition of 5,400 will be exhausted. First, £900; second, £450; third, £270; starters (divided), £1000; non-starters (divided), £2780—all net cash.

Address, Care of

ALFRED CAMERON,
Box 251, Dunedin.

CROMWELL DERBY, 1880.
C. M'KENNA'S
CONSULTATION
ON ABOVE EVENT IS NOW OPEN.

200 Subscribers at £1 Each.

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| First Prize ... | £60 |
| Second Prize ... | 40 |
| Third Prize ... | 25 |
| Starters (Divided) ... | 45 |
| Non-Starters (Divided) ... | 30 |
| | £200 |

The Drawing will take place under the supervision of a Committee of responsible subscribers present, immediately on the subscription list being closed, and the result published in THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

Subscribers residing at a distance are requested to make early application to prevent disappointment.

Tickets obtainable at M'Kenna's Golden Age Hotel, and ARGUS Office, Cromwell, and from Agents in surrounding centres.

CHARLES M'KENNA,
Treasurer.

CROWN LANDS SALE.

By AUCTION at the Court-house Clyde on WEDNESDAY, 8th September, 1880, at noon, Sections in the Townships of CLYDE AND ALEXANDRA.

And by Auction at the Court-house, Cromwell, on FRIDAY, 10th September, 1880, at noon, Sections in the Townships of BANNOCKBURN AND CROMWELL.

For full particulars see *Otago Daily Times* and *Witness* newspapers.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Crown Lands Office, Dunedin,
7th August, 1880.

PROFITABLE INVESTMENT !!!
FOR SALE

By private treaty, the Business carried on by Chalmers and Kerin at Pembroke as Butchers, including Butchers' Shop and Residence, Slaughter Yards, &c., all substantially built, with every requisite suitable for carrying on an EXTENSIVE BUTCHERING BUSINESS.

in the rising township of Pembroke and surrounding district.

Also, the Goodwill of Run 454, situate on the Wanaka Lake, held under Pastoral Lease, partly laid down in English grass, and Stocked.

The proprietors' sole reason for disposing of the above Property is owing to Mr Chalmers' intention of visiting the Old Country.

Terms Liberal.

CHALMERS & KERIN.

THURSDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

At 2 o'clock.

AT STUART'S HOTEL.

FARM PRODUCE.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

HORSES, HARNESS, BUGGY, &c.

Dairy Cows.

FREEHOLD LAND, BUILDINGS,
Paddock, &c., &c.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH
will sell by public auction on Thursday,
9th September, at 2 p.m. sharp, without
reserve,

41 Bags Potatoes
5 Bags Oats
2 Mares in foal
One-Horse Chaffcutter
Harness, Buggy, Harrow
About 10 Cows
Freehold Land at Kirtleburn, with
Buildings
20 Acres Fenced Land, in English grass.

No Disappointment.

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CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
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MONDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

At 2 o'clock, sharp.

AT CARDONA.

THE EMPIRE HOTEL.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

BILLIARD TABLE

STABLES, OUTHOUSES, &c.

Well-Stocked Orchard.

MESSRS PRESTON & COPE
have received positive instructions from
Mrs Bond to sell by public auction, on the pre-
mises, on Monday, 27th September instant, at
2 o'clock sharp,

That well-known Property at Cardona,
THE EMPIRE HOTEL.

The premises consist of the Hotel, Furniture,
Billiard Table, &c., &c.; also, Stables, Out-
Houses, and everything necessary for the conduct
of a large business. Attached is a Well-stocked
Orchard.

The whole of the Property will be sold
separately or in one lot, and must be disposed of.

Terms Very Liberal.

PRESTON & COPE,
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WANTED, a SHEPHERD; must be
thoroughly competent, and accustomed
to hilly country.—Apply, KAWARAU STATION.

WANTED, for the Longwood, a
thoroughly practical and efficient Under-
ground MINING MANAGER. Testimonials
required.—Apply by letter, stating terms and
references to the

LEGAL MANAGER,
Geelong Gold Mining Company, Limited.

WANTED.—A Generally Useful
MAN, to attend to stables and work
about yards. One with a slight knowledge of
Butchering indispensable.

Also, a MAN accustomed to driving horses,
ploughing, &c.

Also, One or Two MEN to undertake small
contract for fencing and ditching.

Apply to JOHN PERTAM,
Lowburn.

N O T I C E.

RABBITTING is strictly PROHIBITED on
Kawarau Station for the next two months, on
account of the Ewes lambing.

JAMES COWAN.
August 31st, 1880.

CROMWELL QUADRILLE
ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly will CLOSE on THURSDAY,
the 9th September. Double Programme.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

Admission to Non-Members 5s.

CROMWELL COLORED
MINSTRELS.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

Will be given by the above in

THE CROMWELL ATHENÆUM,

On

FRIDAY EVENING, 1st OCTOBER.

PROGRAMME NEXT ISSUE.

SNOWBALL.

ATHENÆUM HALL, CROMWELL,
THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

JENNY NYE'S PARTY OF ODDITIES.

Grand Farewell Performance
—ONE NIGHT ONLY—

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME!

The Entertainment will commence with
the Comedy entitled

A PAIR OF PIGEONS.

PART II.—GRAND MUSICAL MELANGE.

PART III.—The Screaming Farce entitled
"WHICH SHALL I MARRY?"

REDUCTION OF PRICES.

PEMBROKE - FRIDAY, 24th September.
BANNOCKBURN - MONDAY, 27th.

P R O S P E C T U S .

THE BANNOCKBURN
CO-OPERATIVE STORE
COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOMINAL CAPITAL £2,000

In 2,000 Shares of £1 each. Two shillings and
sixpence per Share on application; two shillings
and sixpence per Share on allotment.

The objects for which the Company is to be
established are the purchase and sale of pro-
visions, &c.

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JAMES SMITH JAMES HANCOCK
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JOHN PRYDE J. COWAN
J. P. SMIDDY J. RICHARDS
All of Bannockburn.

Early application for Shares necessary, as five
hundred and twenty have already been applied
for.

J. L. MOORE,
Secretary pro tem.



WANAKA RACES.

A MEETING will be held at the Wanaka
Hotel on FRIDAY, September 10th, at 8 p.m.,
for the purpose of arranging for the forthcoming
Annual Meeting.

WM. MONTEITH,
Secretary pro tem.

BANNOCKBURN CO-OPERATIVE
STORE COMPANY (LIMITED).

A MEETING of Shareholders in the above
Company will be held at Angel's Hotel, Ban-
nockburn, on FRIDAY Evening, the 17th inst.,
at 8 o'clock.

J. L. MOORE,
Secretary, pro tem.

TO CONTRACTORS & OTHERS.

FOR SALE, CHEAP.—

A large CRANE and Double WINCH,
Complete.

Apply, JOHN PITCHES,
Ophir.

COME-IN-TIME Q.M. COMPANY
(LIMITED).

A CALL of Two Shillings per Share has been
made Payable at the Company's Office, Crom-
well, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of Sep-
tember, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

T O L E T .

Mrs R. A. Brown's COTTAGE, on the
Flat.

For particulars apply,

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Agent.

OATS AND CHAFF
AND FARM PRODUCE.

Fresh supplies received regularly from
Mount Barker and Grandview Farms, and

ON SALE IN QUANTITIES

at our Store, opposite Stuart's Hotel.

GRANT & MACKELLAR.

CROMWELL CRICKET CLUB.

A MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY,
15th instant, at the Council Chambers, at 8
p.m. sharp.

Business: To submit Balance-sheet for
last season; to elect officers for
ensuing season; and to arrange for
opening match of season.

J. F. MADDOCK,
Secretary pro tem.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL
PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1849,
FOR LIFE ASSURANCE ON THE
MUTUAL PRINCIPLE.

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH:
CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY, WELLINGTON.

Annual Revenue exceeds ... £700,000
Accumulated Funds exceed ... 3,000,000

Result of late Quinquennial Investigation:
Total Surplus of Quinquennium ... £565,260
Of which was set apart for Distribu-
tion amongst the members ... 504,382
Yielding Reversionary Bonus Addi-
tions amounting to ... 1,020,985

The attention of those wishing to assure is
specially directed to the following extract from
the sixth Quinquennial Report, viz.:—"The
Australian Mutual Provident Society, at 30
years of age, stands before the world as a life
institution that has achieved unparalleled success.
For Stability it is unsurpassed, for the profit it
has realised and divided it is unequalled, and for
the liberality of its business arrangements it is
matchless. No other life assurance society in any
part of the world has had at the end of 30 years
35,218 policies in force, assuring £13,392,121,
an accumulated fund of £2,606,053, and an annual
revenue of £622,000, of which it could be said
that the ratio of expenses to premium income
has been less, the rate of interest on the funds
higher, the premiums charged lower, the reserves
for the liabilities higher, or the bonuses allotted
to its members larger than those of this Society."

Prospectus and proposal forms may be had (or
will be sent post free) on application to the
Branch office, or to any of the Society's Agents.

EDWARD W. LOWE,
Resident Secretary.

Agent for Dunedin and Cromwell District:
EDMUND SMITH.

Canvassing Agent: BENJAMIN SHORT.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

An EMERGENCY MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8th September, at 8 o'clock.

By order of the R.W.M.

R. LOUDON,

Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CROMWELL.

The Rev. J. BLACKIE will hold DIVINE SERVICE at BENDIGO on SABBATH next, 12th September, at 11 a.m.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The outward mail via 'Frisco will close here at noon on Wednesday, 8th September.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

MARRIAGE.

At Cromwell, on September 1st, by the Rev. B. Drake, Charles A. Staepoole, surgeon, to Joanna M'Bain.

Cromwell Argus, AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1880.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

DUNEDIN, September 7, 11.50 a.m.

The Standard Insurance Co.'s meeting yesterday was largely attended. The Directors announced the resignation of Mr Charles Reid as manager of the company, but could not say whether they intended to accept or not. Reid made a forcible speech, defending himself from the imputation of mismanagement, and declaring that he would not withdraw his resignation. It was suggested the meeting should adjourn for a fortnight to enable the Directors to state what course they intended to adopt, but the motion was lost, the meeting leaving the whole matter in the hands of the Directors. The advisability of amalgamation with some other company was mooted by a good number. The half-yearly report was adopted.

A. S. Ross, at present a city councillor and mayor of Roslyn, is likely to stand against Fish; if so, Walters will not come out.

The organ for St. Mathew's Church has arrived. It is said to be the finest in the colony.

Out of a meeting of 120 railway employees last night 4 to 1 decided on being willing to strike on the revised scale of wages. There is no organisation to strike, however.

Two men arrested for horse-stealing at the Provincial yard on Saturday are believed to have stolen another horse in their possession the property of John Reid of Corner Bush.

The United Alpine Co., Reefton, cleaned up 542 ounces of gold for the month. A dividend of ninepence per 32,000th share has been declared.

The amalgam from the top plates of the Golden Fleece Extended Co., for the fortnight ending Saturday, was 171 ounces.

Mr Pyke is in town. His letter in yesterday's Times, giving his explanation of the scene in the House, is not thought to throw much new light on the subject.

A public meeting at Invercargill re change of railway time-table on the Invercargill and Kingston line was largely attended. A telegram from Oliver to Bain was read stating the changes had been made by the Commissioner without Ministers' sanction, and that an investigation by Government was going on. A resolution was carried unanimously that the alteration was an arbitrary interference in the interests of the Waimea Plains Railway Co., and prejudicial to the public interest and colonial revenue.

At a complimentary banquet given to Seddon at Kumara on Friday night the mining interest was strongly represented.

The Wellington Chronicle having remarked upon the Hon. Mr Gisborne not being invited to the Governor's banquet, assumed the cause to be Gisborne's supposed sympathy with Sir George Grey on the question of elective Governors. Gisborne writes disclaiming any such sympathy, and strongly condemning the idea of election or selection of Governors in the colony.

The Government have later news from the Native Minister. It was mentioned on Saturday that Maoris had come down in a body numbering 83 to fence across the constabulary road, and that young able-bodied men, 59 in number, were arrested; the remainder, comprising 23 boys and an old man, being turned off. Mr Bryce telegraphs that the 23 boys came again, together with six old men, and re-commenced fencing across the road. They were checked by the constabulary, and quietly turned off. No violence was raised and they went away peaceably without resistance, or uttering complaint at their non-arrest.

INTERCOLONIAL.

Late Australian news comes per To Anan at the Bluff.

The Victorian Cabinet are considering

Civil Service reforms and large reductions are contemplated; large salaries will probably be docked 20 per cent.

On 1st October (the opening day of the Exhibition) and 7th October, the Governors of the various colonies, Consuls, and Exhibition Commissioners will be officially entertained by the Governor of Victoria.

The European Mail says the Duke of Manchester will visit Sydney, Adelaide, and also New Zealand, where he has considerable property.

The Attorney-General has nearly completed the new Reform Bill. He will submit it *pro forma*, postponing discussion till next year.

Ned Kelly is rapidly gaining strength, and is now removed to an ordinary cell. His manner is greatly subdued.

Two French delegates have arrived in Victoria to enquire into the colonial education and public works systems.

In the Supreme Court of Fiji a divorce has been granted against the wife of William Scott, barrister, on the ground of unfaithfulness to her husband during his absence. The Judge also gave damages £1000 against the co-respondent, who is Attorney-General.

The Governors of New Caledonia and Fiji are unable to attend the opening of the Exhibition. The Governors of Tasmania and Western Australia have accepted the invitation.

The increase in population over last year is 40,000. In New South Wales it is the largest for years—the excess of arrivals over departures was 23,000.

A recent earthquake in Manila caused a terrible panic. Great damage was done, though few lives were lost. The streets were blocked with debris and the inhabitants prostrated. The whole city oscillated seven seconds; at other places the shock lasted one or two minutes.

LATEST BY CABLE.

Russia and Germany have dispatched naval squadrons to the Mediterranean, which will co-operate with the fleets of England, France and Italy, at present assembled there.

At the Leeds banquet a large number of guests assembled. The toast "The Australian Cricketers" was received with enthusiasm.

Government have determined to abandon the prosecution of Davitt, who was arrested with Killen, Daly, and Brennan for sedition. Davitt, a member of the Irish bar, was one of the most prominent movers in the agrarian agitation, and delivered several highly inflammable harangues.

A terrible hurricane has occurred in Jamaica, devastating and destroying large numbers of plantations and causing immense damage to the towns. Over 1000 persons have been rendered homeless.

The Anglo-Russian proposal to make a demonstration before Constantinople and forcing the Hellespont is protested against by Germany on the ground that it would give Russia a chance of stirring in the Balkans to divert the Porte's attention from Constantinople.

The statement that the Serapis and H.M.S. Bacchante are being got ready for the Prince of Wales to visit Australia is officially contradicted.

The police in Ireland have frustrated an intended attack on Ballingolling powder mills.

Mr Porter in the House of Commons said though the condition of the country was disturbed there was no necessity for any measures of coercion at present.

The authorities, however, are on the alert and determined to suppress outrages and maintain security of lives and property.

LATEST.

LONDON, September 4.

The Bank rate of discount at Berlin has risen to-day to 5½ per cent. The Bank of England rate is 2½ per cent.

Parliament is expected to be prorogued on Tuesday next.

Gladstone has returned from his cruise off the Coast of Ireland and Scotland, and is quite restored to health.

ST. PETERSBURG.

The Czar has arrived at Lividia from St. Petersburg. It is reported that a line of railway at Charkoff, in the province of same name, has been discovered to be completely undermined.

MELBOURNE, September 6.

Five hundred tons of American exhibits were on board the ship Eric the Red, which has been wrecked at Cape Otway, Adelaide.

The Orient Co.'s steamer Sorata is being dismantled and discharging cargo. It is believed the exhibition goods are safe.

SYDNEY, September 6.

There was great excitement in town yesterday owing to the Government having prevented Professor Proctor from lecturing at the Theatre on Sunday night by putting pressure on the lessee. A crowd of 10,000 persons proceeded to Proctor's hotel and cheered him.

The very successful season of the Cromwell Quadrille Assembly will be brought to a close on Thursday evening, when a double programme will be presented. The admission to non-members is fixed at the modest charge of 5s, which fact should bring together a large party to enjoy the pleasures of the dance. Refreshments will be provided.

A sale by auction of sections in the townships of Alexandra, Clyde, Cromwell and Bannockburn is advertised by the Commissioner of Crown Lands. For the two centres first named the sale takes place at Clyde to-morrow, at noon. On Friday at the Court-house here, sections in Cromwell and Bannockburn will be offered.

Owing to pressure of late matter and lengthy telegrams of interest, our leading article, in type, is crowded out.

Mr Colclough is announced to offer for sale at Stuart's yards, on Thursday, a quantity of produce and other goods which should attract purchasers. For details, see advertisement.

The ordinary monthly meeting of Cromwell School Committee was held last evening—Mr Preshaw in the chair. The business transacted was of an unimportant nature, the chief matter being the passing of a resolution urging upon the Education Board the necessity for erecting a new residence for the teacher on a suitable site.

There was no sitting of the R.M. and Warden's Courts on Friday, Major Keddell being unable to come up from Clyde owing to a painful injury to his hand caused by the bite of a cat. The injured member is, we are glad to hear, getting better, and the cat will not again attack the gallant Major, having found a place of rest in the Molyneux.

Captain S. N. Brown has received intimation from the Defence Office that Captain Finn (senior officer of the District) has been promoted to the rank of Major and assumes charge of the Lake Volunteer District as from the 1st instant. During the past twelve months Captain Brown has temporarily commanded the District, Captain Finn having retired from that position on his election to Parliament.

Of the three candidates required to fill the annual vacancies at the Municipal Council only one was nominated last week, namely Mr James Stuart for Macandrew Ward—proposed by Mr Colclough, and seconded by Mr MacKellar. Nominations for extraordinary vacancies are invited for next week, and it is to be hoped sufficient public spirit will be manifested to prevent the offices from going a-begging any longer.

A letter from Mr F. J. Wilson, published elsewhere, is worthy the attention of our Municipal Council. Mr Wilson's proposal for a daily mail service is well-timed, and the benefit sought should not be difficult to secure. It is about time the interior centres derived some little good from the existing railway system, and our correspondent points out a service to residents up-country which there does not seem any reasonable grounds for objecting to grant.

The annual Goldfields report is to hand. It speaks most encouragingly of mining prospects as being better than for years past. The value of the yield of gold for 1879 for the whole colony was £1,148,108, showing a decrease of £91,971 compared with the yield of 1878. The number of miners at work on March 31st, 1880, was 14,353, against 14,297 for the previous year. During the three months ending March 31st last the value of the gold produced from the Otago fields showed an increase of £45,808 as compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Auckland increased £9,295, whilst the yield of other places there was a decrease of £34,388. With regard to the settlement of the goldfields, the report says that a large number of selections were made during the year.

Mr J. S. Dewar, manager of Ardour Station, was, on Friday last, the recipient of a very substantial token of the high appreciation in which he is held by the employees on the station, and the gift was all the more valuable because it was quite unexpected, the intended presentation not being made known to Mr Dewar until the same afternoon. A gentleman who was at Ardour on the occasion tells us that on behalf of the station employees, Mrs Polson presented Mr Dewar with a handsome gold watch and massive chain, the whole valued at £40. Subscriptions towards the gift were not received outside the station hands. Had it been otherwise our informant has reason to know that a further sum of £50 was available, so highly esteemed is Mr Dewar by all classes in his neighborhood. In the evening the station hands, with the manager, met together at a well-provided supper (Mr Hector McLean in the chair). Complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to in orthodox fashion, and a very pleasant and harmonious time was spent. It is pleasing to chronicle such happy relations between employer and employed.

The probability of extensive and payable gold workings being discovered this spring and summer on the West Coast, between the Haast and Okarito Rivers, is attracting the attention of a considerable number of miners in this district, and one or two parties have already set out on prospecting tours. As the country between the head of the Wanaka Lake and the coast gets clear of snow, doubtless the number of gold-seekers in this direction will be greatly increased. Recent finds reported at Paringa, Gillespie's, and other localities have tended to strengthen the faith of experienced miners in the mineral riches of the west coast of this island from Okarito southward. During the approaching summer the country will be thoroughly prospected, doubtless with results that will give a new impetus to the gold-mining industry. There are strong indications that a belt of payable auriferous country extends along the coast-line through by the Haast Pass to the head of Lake Wanaka, and we should not be surprised to hear shortly of extensive workings throughout this region.

The following summary of the Property Assessment Act Amendment Bill appears in the Wellington Post:—Section 1 provides that this Bill shall be read and constructed together with the Property Assessment Act, 1879, and the two Acts together may be cited as the Property Assessment Acts, 1879-1880. Section 2 runs as follows:—To the classes of property exempt from taxation under the said Act as mentioned in section 26, there shall be added the following:—All household furniture and effects in actual use, including books, plate, wearing apparel, jewellery of all kinds, and all pictures and works of art; but such exemption shall not extend to or include any such articles when kept or used as stock-in-trade and for purposes of sale. Section 3 is as follows:—The statement to be furnished under the 32nd section of the Property Assessment Act, 1879 (hereinafter called 'the said Act'), shall be in the form or to the effect set forth in the schedule to this Act. All provisions of the said Act which are inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed.

The prorogation duly took place on Wednesday. It was a miserably tame and uninteresting affair, and passed almost unnoticed by the general public. Only 17 members of the Lower House were present.

Our friends at Wanaka are astir over their annual Race-meeting. A meeting of those interested is convened to be held at Mrs Russell's Hotel, Pembroke, on Friday evening, to arrange details for the interesting gathering.

The contractors, Messrs Grant and MacKellar, have already made a start with the new Presbyterian Church, the foundations having been excavated and a large quantity of building material placed on the ground.

The Churchman of 1st instant says that the latest accounts received by the Bishop describe the health of the rev. J. Dewe as somewhat improved. Prayers have been publicly offered for the rev. gentleman's recovery.

It is understood that the recess will see some very extensive changes in many directions. The Government have succeeded in securing such wide license that their powers are practically unlimited, provided they can order events so as to put Parliament in good humor when it next meets.

The Dunedin papers advise the public to be on their guard in the purchase of cloth from hawkers whom they have had no previous acquaintance with, for there is just now in Dunedin a man who goes about selling "shoddy" of the most worthless type as West of England cloth of the best quality.

Mr Cook, who has so satisfactorily handled the ribbons on the mail coach between Teviot and Cromwell, has been transferred to the Naseby road. Fred Denham takes his place, and Robinson, a careful driver, for some time on the Southland roads, will in future pilot the Queenstown team, which Denham has managed admirably for some years past.

The other day an Invercargill dog-fancier was sued for £15, value of dog's-meat supplied. It would be a good thing if some people in Cromwell would similarly indulge their canine pets (or public nuisances) as there would then be a prospect of the owners getting sick of the luxury of keeping a kennel of yelping curs.

The session of Parliament just closed has lasted three months and four days. 124 Bills were introduced into the Lower House, and of them 61 were passed. 28 originated in the Legislative Council, and of these 19 were passed. The House met on 64 days, sat for 524 hours, or a daily average of 8 hours and 20 minutes. 383 petitions were presented, and 469 reports brought down from select committees.

"Traveller," who writes in another column, is by no means the only one who has complained to us of late regarding the state of the Wanaka road. Has the County reached that state of inequity that even the main roads within its bounds can not receive some little attention? Looking at the contributions paid the tax-gatherer by the ridings comprised in Clutha Valley, it is most unjust that settlers and the travelling public should be unable to get along with ordinary ease and safety.

Messrs Brinsmead and Sons stand, with two first-class awards and a special certificate, at the head of all the piano manufacturers who exhibited at the Sydney Exhibition. Following them, that is to say among the first-class awards without special certificate, are Messrs Erard, Messrs Steinway, Messrs Chickering, Messrs Bechstein, Messrs Blüthner, Messrs Rösche, and a local Sydney piano manufacturer. People say, England is deteriorating. In pianos, at any rate at Sydney, an English firm has gone ahead of the most celebrated makers of France, America, and Germany.

For a week or two back an advertisement has appeared in Dunedin papers as follows:—"Wanted the two men who worked a claim on the Molyneux, 2½ miles below Hartley and Reiley's Beach, in August, 1862, to communicate with Digger, General Post Office, Dunedin, when they will hear of something to their advantage." We have been told there is a bit of romance connected with this notice. It is said that in the early days of the Dunstan rush a certain person was tempted to appropriate a quantity of gold which belonged to another party. The world has prospered with the individual, and he now desires to make restitution to the men who were robbed.

The virtues of Sander and Sons' Eucalypti Extract are every day becoming more widely known and appreciated. The Extract is the essential essence of the Australian gum-tree, and contains elements of wonderful medicinal value. For internal ailments of every kind, as well as burns, cuts and other injuries, it is a certain and speedy remedy. It should be in every family, and to miners and others far removed from medical aid, the Extract will prove invaluable. With each bottle will be found directions for use, together with certified testimonials as to the efficacy of the Extract in many serious cases where other remedies have failed. Mr Hotop is sole agent for the Cromwell district.

Co-operation is one of the great questions that trouble our community at the present time, and although we have no wish to discourage the movement, it should command great consideration before expending hard earned savings on what will more than likely prove a failure for want of support from the shareholders. To be a paving business it must be for cash payments. Two years ago a draper of Cromwell, with the intention of trying to educate the public into the great saving made by purchasing for cash, reduced his Stock of Drapery, Clothing, and Boots, and added that of Grocery, offering the same at fully six shillings in the £ less than the regular prices. No co-operative store could do more, and yet this is only taken advantage of by the few, showing that when put to the test the people will not co-operate when it is a question of cash payments. W. TALBYS, London, House, Cromwell, is quite prepared to serve those who would co-operate in obtaining the best articles at the lowest prices.—[Adv.]

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of Borough Council was held on Friday evening—present, the Mayor, and all the members with exception of Crs Pretsch and Murrell.

Minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed.

Correspondence inward and outgoing was read and approved. The only letter of any public interest was one from the Under-Secretary for Lands notifying that Crown grants for section 1, block XXVII, and the 1000-acre endowment are in course of preparation.

The Corporation Solicitor wrote at length respecting non-payment by purchasers of sections in Melmore-street, and the Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps for securing payment of sums due.

The report of the committee appointed to deal with the question of Borough reserves and rents due was brought up. It recommended (1) that without prejudice the Council accept the sum of £42 for balance of rent due by Mr E. Murrell, and that the future rent to be paid by him, as from 1st March, 1880, be £6 per annum, until the Council can give a lease, when the matter again come before the Council for consideration. [Crs MacKellar and Brown demurred to fixing future rent at £6, advocating £12, but were overruled in committee and Council.] (2) That immediate steps be taken to rescind the resolution of 27th May last cancelling rents due by Mrs Kelly, late W. Taylor, and R. Kidd, and further that all rents due over two years be sued for. (3) That, instructions having been given to Mr F. J. Wilson to uplift Corporation Crown grants, the committee recommends that on receipt thereof leases be offered for all reserves let, except those that may be specially reserved.—The report was adopted.

In the matter of Mr Murrell's rent, the Clerk was instructed to write that gentleman in terms of report adopted. The Mayor having intimated that Messrs Todd and Hayes were preparing to sluice the Kawarau bank opposite Achille-street, within Borough bounds, and were likely, in his opinion, to do considerable injury, it was resolved that Councillors visit the ground next morning before coming to a decision. [This was done, and the proposed operations interdicted.]

The Clerk was instructed to write the Chairman of the Licensing Bench, pointing out the insufficiency of lights provided over hotel doors within the Borough. Accounts due on contract and for current expenses—amounting in all to £84 7s 6d—were passed for payment.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, August 30.

The Homeward mails via San Francisco, which left Auckland on July 30th, were delivered today.

PARIS, August 30.

All the Jesuit schools and other establishments in France have now been closed in accordance with the decrees of the French Chambers. The schools have been evacuated by the inmates prior to their being visited by the police.

The reports coming to hand from the French wine districts are satisfactory, and give promise of a good vintage.

September 1.

The leaders of the Jesuits have offered to secularise their colleges and other establishments, and declare that they will abstain from mixing in politics. Their proposals have been accepted by the French Government.

St. PETERSBURG, September 1.

Negotiations have been opened between Russia and China for the purpose of signing a treaty of peace.

CALCUTTA, September 1.

Intelligence has been received here that General Roberts with his relieving force arrived yesterday at Candahar, where he has joined the troops under Generals Burrows and Primrose. Ayoub Khan remains with his army at Argandab, 10 miles to the north of Candahar, and has sent a messenger to the British camp to endeavor to negotiate terms of peace with the British.

Later.

Later intelligence has just been received from Candahar that a difficulty has arisen, and that negotiations for peace have been broken off.

September 3.

News has been received from Candahar that General Roberts has commenced operations for an attack on Ayoub Khan's position. Reconnoitring parties have been sent out by the British, and they report that the enemy are entrenched in a position of great strength.

Later intelligence has been received that General Roberts with a large force attacked Ayoub Khan at Arisayah yesterday. A desperate engagement ensued, but the enemy were unable to withstand the fierce attack made upon their positions. These were gradually abandoned, and captured by the British. Ayoub's troops fought desperately, and made a most gallant defence, but they were ultimately completely dispersed. 27 guns, comprising the whole of his artillery, were captured by the British troops.

No particulars have yet come to hand of the loss in killed and wounded and prisoners inflicted on Ayoub's army, neither is the British loss yet stated.

(later).

Ayoub Khan's Cabulese forces are in full retreat up the Argandab, General Roberts hotly pursuing.

September 4.

Further intelligence to hand reports that Ayoub Khan's camp has been captured. His troops have fled to Khahry, and the Heratense have also fled to Helmund. The British troops are pursuing. Several hundreds have been killed. The British loss is three officers and 18 men killed, and 650 wounded and missing.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

September 6.

The land sale on the Crown Terrace came off last Tuesday, and there was a fair attendance of buyers. Section 1, block 1, containing 175a 0r 28p, was the bone of contention at the sale, but was ultimately knocked down to Mr P. Kerin of Whitechapel Flat at the decent figure of £2 16s per acre. The only other section offered was section 2, block 1, and this was purchased by Mr J. Fitzgibbon, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

On the evening of Tuesday the town was brilliantly illuminated by the united efforts of four lamps. The innovation proves a great convenience to the public, although, considering the limited lighting power, the two lamps near the post-office must be considered as prodigal.

Mr Scoles arrived here on Thursday last from Melbourne, and on the following day the imported entire horse "What's Wanted" put in his appearance. The entire is a magnificent dark bay of symmetrical form and fine bone and muscle. It is certainly the best horse of the kind that has ever been imported into the district, and will no doubt assert itself as such upon closer acquaintance.

The Corporation is busy protecting the northern boundary of the town against the further invades of floods by the planting of willows, which, if allowed to take root before disturbed by freshes, will in time make an efficient breakwater—that is if the river be prevented from washing in behind the trees. The willows are the munificent gift of Mr John Butel, and taken from his splendid willow scope at his flour mills on Hayes' Creek.

The pork season has been an exceedingly prolific one; porkers reaching the weight of 6cwt. and over have been reared by Messrs Butel, Butler, and Thompson, and if attention be devoted to this line of industry it may be found to open an easy way of export for our surplus grain crops.

The Lake County correspondent to the *Southland Times* is somewhat unlucky in his vocation. Lately he wrote about impassable quagmires, which existed only in his own imagination, and now he labors under the hallucination that, along with the rest of borough ratepayers, he is indebted to the tune of £2,857. The correspondent says that the Borough of Arrowtown is indebted to the extent of £2,857, and that they have nothing to show for it. To ease his conscience as to this "debt," I may state that nearly all this money is still lying in the Bank of New Zealand to the credit of the Borough, to be expended in waterworks; that when it shall have been expended it will be a reproductive investment; that if the Borough wished to repay the money at this minute they could do it, because, as already said, it is an investment in which the Borough Council occupies a position of an agent rather than of a debtor. A little friendly criticism on the foibles of the Council may work some good, but the line must be drawn somewhere, and I do not see that anything of the sort can be effected by misrepresentation. If it was the intention of the correspondent to furnish his readers with something sensational, I think he might have attained his purpose better by some revelations of an adventurer who tried to ruin a certain quartz-mining company at Macetown by dummy directors and was found out.

Mr and Mrs M'Hutchieson, who have been Government teachers and residents amongst us so long as to be counted old identities, have resigned their position. Mr M'Hutchieson, who has attained considerable success here as a teacher, being of an independent mind had many involvements with the local school committee, in which he invariably scored a victory. He has no doubt stored up some valuable experience of the working of the present system of school management, demonstrating not only the weakness of the system, but also that of school committees. However, his resignation cannot be laid to the charge of the existing committee, as Mr M'Hutchieson intends to retire to a farm he possesses in Southland.

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

September 2.

The news that New Zealand is to lose Sir Hercules Robinson has been received in Dunedin in two ways. The great majority feel his departure as an unfortunate thing for the Colony, and that is felt the more since his statement that he intended to settle in it permanently. He is a liberal-minded, large hearted gentleman, with tastes and sympathies that commend themselves to the bulk of the people. But he has two vices that have determined the feelings of a section—the "true-blue" section—of the community towards him. He loves a horse race, and he is given to Sunday travelling. For these reasons the religious have first prayed for him and then abused him; at least they may be given the credit of having prayed for him in private, although in public they have generally abused him. Probably enough many believe in their heart of hearts that the depressed condition of the Colony has resulted from the displeasure of Providence at Sir Hercules and his ways. Even the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Thomas Dick (who by the way has not abused him but may be credited with having prayed for him) may not be altogether sorry to see the last of Sir Hercules; the paths of the Government may now be made pleasant and progressive. The Episcopalians as a rule don't hold such strict views in these matters as their Presby-

terian brethren. They secured the services of Lady Robinson to lay the foundation stone of Roslyn Church when she was here; and although she left the race-course to go and perform the ceremony they went on with the building without any fear of accident.

The godly in your neighborhood, if there are any, will be pleased to hear that Sir Arthur Gordon, who is to succeed Governor Robinson, to quote a Christian paper, "holds evangelical views of the truth and is not backward in exemplifying such in his walk and conversation." "Horse-racing, balls, and theatres are not at all likely to be patronised by that nobleman" we are told. It only needed to be added, to satisfy the most serious-minded, that he don't tread novels.

I see Mr Pyke has been, as the Sergeant-at-arms is said to have forcibly put it, "making a fool of himself" in Parliament. It is perfectly evident that Vincent had dined that evening, and possibly supped as well. It is to be hoped that he has been keeping good company in Wellington, although it seems doubtful. Perhaps some "prima donna" has taken him in tow up there "for charitable objects." Seriously though, the scene is a highly discreditable one to V.P. He should have been in bed, or in charge—I mean of his friends of course.

I notice that Dan Moore has cropped up in Parliament again. This time it is with wonderful gold discoveries "near Wellington," but in the South Island. Daniel is wise in his generation; wonderful gold discoveries about Stewart's Island would not be worth a stiver to him, but he can live on the faith of them as long as they are near Wellington for any length of time. Truly Daniel is the boss prospector.

We had a great treat here on Sunday night—I don't mean the "serious" portion of us—in the shape of a reading by Chalet, the ventriloquist, of Colonel Ingersoll's brilliant lecture "the Mistakes of Moses." Mr Chalet has a good deal of the born orator about him, and he had heard the lecture delivered by Ingersoll, so that he knew where the points were to be made. The Queen's Theatre was well filled, evidently for the greater part by unbelievers, at any rate in such stories as the sun standing still, the flood, and so forth. Ordinarily the Young Men's Christian Association hold Sunday evening services in the theatre, and some went in when they saw the doors open expecting the usual revival address. The way they went out when they heard the mistakes of Moses mentioned was a caution. The audience were kept in roars of laughter almost throughout, although the eloquent way in which the reader recited the denunciation of polygamy and other such passages provoked much applause. At the satirical portions no one could help laughing.

The Princess Theatre is now the only thing open in the way of amusements. The company is a poor one. They have been playing "The Kellys," a drama founded on the history and doings of the notorious outlaws. It was a very poor concern, evidently written for a draw on a Saturday night.

The ten per cent. reductions are now the burning question, especially in the railway department. The Government have bungled the bringing of the reductions into operation terribly. After issuing an announcement that the ten per cent was to come off for August, they had to withdraw it, because, as it appears, there would have been a general strike throughout the service; and after a lot of vacillation, the men have been assured by Mr Conyers that no reduction at all is to apply to them. Meetings have been held amongst the employees, who in Canterbury and North Otago have already fixed the date of their strike for Saturday first. Many of the railway servants have a great deal to complain of. I know men who work 14 hours a day for something like £9 a month. To have a pound taken off this means a deal more than ten times the amount would to a man with say £50 a month. Some of the engine drivers and artisans get overtime, but unfortunate porters and shunters do not. Neither do the clerks; yet in some of the offices they rarely get an hour to themselves, working with the utmost regularity from 9 a.m. to 10 and 11 p.m. The rates of pay are in some instances miserly. Young men of 22 to 25 years of age are dragging out an existence at £1 a week. It will be admitted that in such cases as that a reduction is a decided grievance.

Mr Bathgate has left his position as District Judge and R.M., and Mr Simpson has succeeded him temporarily. Dunedin will be pleased if Mr Simpson is placed permanently in the office. Mr Bathgate in his retiring speech said the circumstances of his retirement were not altogether to his satisfaction. He is understood to have referred to his compensation, which the Government are believed to have been niggardly about.

Since writing the above, I notice that Moore's gold discoveries in the north of this island are creating excitement in Wellington and Christchurch. A Press correspondent in Wellington telegraphs:—"The specimens exhibited by Moore are of gold in cement and in quartz, and coarse alluvial waterworn, and if they are genuine, and his statement relative to the extent of auriferous country correct, there is no doubt that a magnificent goldfield awaits opening up." If the "Moore" referred to is our old friend Daniel, then he has been getting at that Pressman. The indefiniteness as to his christian name ought to be cleared up. If it is some other Moore then there may be something in it; but if it is "oily" Daniel,—and the cement and the quartz is corroborative evidence, for they are in his line—then Otago diggers will know how to appreciate the discovery.

OUR VICTORIAN LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

August 23.

In politics there is nothing of consequence to relate. The Hon. W. M. K. Vale, who has been confined to his room, owing to severe illness, which at one time was thought would have proved fatal, has now sufficiently recovered to be able to attend his office. Mr Berry is certainly not in a very enviable position. The gentlemen whom he has chosen as his colleagues are certainly not the men to maintain their position for any length of time. A petition has been lodged against the election of Dr Madden (late Attorney-General) for Sandridge. The Rodney election also is protested against by Mr James Crowie, who, through his solicitor, lodged a petition with the Speaker on Friday morning last, giving as his grounds, the fact that on the day of nomination the Returning Officer, acting on his own authority, took it upon himself to strike out Mr Crowie's name, and declared Messrs Gillies and Fraser elected. In the first case it is thought Mr Madden will hold his own, but doubts are felt as to how the latter will be settled.

Considerable excitement was manifested on Friday evening owing to some natives employed by the Government, making a road from St. Kilda to Sandridge, finding a number of sovereigns in turning over the sand. It is estimated that some 200 were unearthed. The police were soon on the spot to keep guard, but were withdrawn on Saturday as no subsequent find was made, and it was thought by the authorities that there was no chance of any further haul. I am glad the money fell into the hands of the men instead of the Government. The general impression is that the sovereigns were the proceeds of a robbery committed years ago.

A rumor has gained currency to the effect that on the night that the unfortunate Mr Greer committed the fearful crime at the Opera House, which deprived him of life, another gentleman, who holds an important position under Government, was about to commit a similar offence. Thinking his wife was unfaithful to him he determined to shoot her, for which purpose he armed himself with a six-shooter, but fortunately a friend became aware of the danger and before the end of the third act persuaded him to come out, which he accordingly did. On gaining the entrance of the House his friend demanded that he should give up the dangerous weapon, which he did. A correspondent to the *Hamilton Spectator* says:—It becomes a question for Mr Lyster to inquire is it safe to play Les Hugrenots again, attended as it was by such unfortunate results.

Since the Greer tragedy, I am informed that several visitors to the theatre have requested the attendant to place them in the seat which was occupied by Mrs Greer on the sad occasion. There is no accounting for taste.

The new rush at Temora has resulted in several Sandhurst diggers leaving for the newly-discovered goldfield. Whether they will be repayed for their trouble it is hard to say.

During the last few days the cold has been extreme, and has been sorely felt by the poor.

Original Correspondence.

DAILY MAIL WITH DUNEDIN.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—The completion of the Waimea Plains Railway has placed Queenstown within one day's journey from Dunedin; but it does not seem to have struck any person that it has placed Cromwell equi-distant between this new route and the old Teviot one as regards postal time; Clyde two hours longer and Alexandra three.

I have to suggest that the three towns should agitate for a daily mail to and from Dunedin, leaving as at present on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via Lawrence, and the other three days via Queenstown. There would then be a daily delivery in Cromwell at the same time every day, in Clyde and Alexandra relatively longer. The Lawrence down coaches would take return mails as at present, and the Queenstown coach would take them on the alternate days. This can and would be done without one penny expense to Government, because the whole distances are under mail contract already. To shew one striking advantage of such a change,—the mail now delivered at Clyde and Alexandra on Wednesday evening, via Naseby, would then be delivered at the same towns via Queenstown actually four hours earlier.

I leave my suggestion to the consideration of the community.—I am, &c.,

F. J. WILSON.

Clyde, September 4th, 1880.

THE WANAKA ROAD.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—May I trouble you to find room in your always serviceable paper for a few lines as to the state of the Wanaka road.

I was on my way to Albert Town the other day when I came across the Wanaka mail coach lying off the road with axle broken, and of course the fact that Kidd's coach does not travel more than ten miles an hour, or less, caused me to look at the creek where the accident happened. I found that the late rains had washed away the stone pitching, so as to leave a nasty, dangerous hole—in fact all the creeks are in a bad state, also the flats where gravel is wanting.

Trusting these few remarks may catch the eye of our county officials.—I am, &c.,

TRAVELLER.

Cromwell, September 4th, 1880.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

His Excellency left Wellington en route for England on Saturday.

The fifteen gem puzzle has at last been put to a satisfactory use. The gaoler at Lyttelton has given it to the Maori prisoners. They are quiet.

Whilst carting metal along the Jones Creek road, near Dunolly, recently, a boy named Morton, aged 13, was lucky enough to pick up a 48oz nugget.

Mr Bastings is definitely in the field for the Waikato district. Captain McKensie, Mr Morris, and Mr J. P. Joyce, late member for Wallace, are also spoken of.

Captain Barry claims to have discovered a valuable coal deposit near Orepuki, Southland, and has applied for a lease of 240 acres. It is his intention to float a company. Clever fellow!

There are about a dozen libel actions pending against Sydney newspapers. The aggregate damages claimed amount to a total of somewhere about the respectable sum of £40,000.

Intimation has been received from Melbourne that one-sixth more space than was originally allotted has, at the request of the Executive Commissioner (Dr Hector), been given by the Exhibition Commissioners for the extension of the New Zealand Court.

In reply to Mr Sheehan, Mr Rolleston said Government would consider during the recess the requisition for abolishing Waste Lands Boards. He was not at present disposed to regard it favorably.

Philip Hansen King died at his residence, Waiuku, Auckland, on 30th ult. Deceased was the oldest colonist in New Zealand, having arrived at the Bay of Islands on Christmas Day, 1814. He was then 16 months old. His brother, at present in Auckland, is the oldest born colonist in New Zealand.

The match which has been arranged between the Australian cricketers and an All England Eleven will commence on Monday, the 6th September. The English team will be composed of Lord Harris, the Hon. A. Lyttelton, Messrs W. G. Grace, G. F. Grace, E. M. Grace, A. P. Lucas, F. Penn, Steels, I. D. Walker, Barnes, Morley and Shaw.

New Zealand wheat realised at the London grain sales in June last 53s per quarter, being the highest price obtained by sellers. The prices received for wheat forwarded from all other parts of the world, averaged from 49s to 52s per quarter. This must be particularly gratifying to our farmers, especially if they take into consideration the fact that wheat grown in the Teviot district took the first prize at the Sydney Exhibition last year.

Is there any connection between Vincent Pyke's recent episode and the following motion tabled by Sir W. Fox?—"That it is highly expedient that the sale of intoxicating liquors on the premises of the House should be discontinued, and that this motion be brought under the notice of the House Committee early next session, with a view of having the same abolished."

The programme for the next New Zealand Rifle Association meeting has been prepared, showing a total prize list of over £800, in addition to matches in which the entrance fee will be divided. The company team matches have been improved, and the first prize in each will be a cup and £25. A new match for a trophy has been introduced, to be shot for by one representative from each company.

Two men named respectively McKay and Sutherland, who for the last three years have been residing in the wild country lying between Jackson's Bay and Milford Sound, report the existence of a strange amphibious creature in that region. They describe it as being of brown color, 20ft in length, between four and five feet high, with legs not more than 15 inches in length. They state that they have seen five or six of these animals at a time frequently, and within 20 yards of them, and that they do not confine themselves to the water, but sometimes proceed 30 miles inland.

Tasmanian volunteers carry out the thing properly—sometimes. On a recent occasion when they had a sham fight by moonlight, the men supposed to be dead or wounded received orders to lie down on the "gory plain," and remain there until after the battle. Then ambulances were sent round, and they were tenderly picked up, and conveyed to the hospital, where appropriate treatment was applied. In most cases "medical comforts" sufficed to revive the warriors, and enable them to reach the bosoms of their families, there to relate their experiences of mimic warfare.

A wonderful and remarkable statement is made of an English ship having discovered an island so rich in gold and other precious metals that the persons who first visited it chipped blocks of almost pure gold from the bare rocks. This island is said to lie in lat. 1deg. N. and long. 137deg. W., and is consequently about 55deg. from the coast of New Granada, South America. According to published accounts, the British man-of-war Mermaid, which left England in January, under sealed orders, has taken possession of the island, and a number of gentlemen adventurers have arrived there to try their fortunes. The small bays around the island are impregnated with acid, and on the first visit of the British, it being found necessary to lighten the vessel in order to recross the bar, several tons of carbonate of soda were thrown overboard. The result was marvellous. The water began boiling over, and appeared like a great sea of soda-water. Further particulars of the character of this wonderful island will be looked for with considerable interest.

GARDEN CALENDER.

SEPTEMBER.

Kitchen Garden.—Any of the main crops of vegetables yet remaining unsown should be no longer delayed, if the ground be dry enough for working, but it is always advisable to defer digging or cropping the ground while it is wet. Carrot seeds and a small sowing of turnips may be put in, in a dry, sheltered spot. Sow lettuce, radish, mustard and cress; also asparagus, sea kale, cabbage of sorts, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, and rhubarb. Plant potatoes, Jerusalem globe artichokes, shallots, and garlic. Transplant cabbage and cauliflower, lettuce, marjoram, sage, and horse radish. Remove all footmarks with the fork immediately any operation is finished.

Fruit Garden.—Any transplanting yet remaining should be pushed forward with all possible expedition. The best way of securing young fruit trees from being injured by wind is to cut them well back, to induce a bushy habit of growth, so desirable in this country. Place a good mulching of manure over the roots of all newly-planted trees, and stir the ground with the dung-fork between the rows of trees and strawberry plants, as the looser the surface is kept for either trees or vegetables, the better they will thrive. Finish grafting early in the month.

Flower Garden.—If the ground has been dug up early in the season to the action of the weather, it will now be in fine condition for the planting of flower roots and the sowing of seeds. All hardy annuals and other flower seeds may be sown now, and care should be taken to arrange them according to their height; the harmony of colors should also be attended to. Flower seeds require particular care in sowing to ensure success. Never sow whilst the ground is wet; and flower seeds sown on very poor or on newly broken-up open land will not thrive. If flower seeds are to be sown in patches, remove a little of the soil if unsuitable, and fill up with rich light compost; press moderately firm, sow, and cover lightly with fine mould.

The Wonders of the Sun.

Mr Richard A. Proctor, the eminent astronomer, has lately been lecturing to crowded audiences in Sydney, where his attractive discourses have been the rage. Mr Proctor is now en route for this colony, and will open his New Zealand tour at Invercargill. From *Town and Country* of 21st ultimo we make some extracts from Mr Proctor's lecture on the sun:—

The second of Mr Proctor's course of lectures on astronomy was delivered in the hall of the School of Arts on Wednesday, to a crowded and most attentive audience. The lecture was, if possible, more interesting than the lecturer's previous discourse on the "Life and death of a planetary world," and, moreover, was free from any technical details, which, in a discourse on a scientific subject, is a great, as well as a rather rare, merit. The lecturer displays strong good sense in expressing grand ideas in choice, but very simple, language. He commenced his discourse by showing that the sun was the grandest body of the system over which he ruled, but although he is great when compared with the planets of his system, he is only of secondary magnitude when compared with other suns which stud the depths of space. In his previous lecture, the lecturer regarded the earth as a representative planet, the changes of which were analogous to the changes which all planetary bodies undergo, so in the present lecture he would consider our sun as the representative of all other suns. The sun was the source whence all the worlds that roll around him derive warmth and energy. He did not wonder that men of past days should worship the sun as a god, for were he a clergyman, he would be strongly disposed to regard the sun as the most striking type or symbol of creative power. It is the sun's activity which causes the sky to be overcast with clouds, and fertilising rains to fall on the earth. He intended to dwell on the size, the might, the splendor, and finally the heat of the sun. Owing to the great distance of the sun from the earth it looks no bigger than the moon does, but it is very much larger than it appears. Until recently the distance from the earth was computed to be 95,000,000 miles but it is now considered by Professor Newcombe and others to be somewhat between 92,000,000 and 93,000,000 miles. Those present were doubtless aware that great preparations were made for observing the transit of Venus a few years back, in which preparations Mr Russell, the Astronomer Royal of New South Wales, took part, but the work which these preparations were meant to expedite was not so successful as it ought to have been, owing, not to the fault of astronomers, but to the behavior of the planet Venus. The source of the mistake as to the sun's distance arose from an error in observation equal to the breadth of a hair seen at a distance of 100 yards. That almost imperceptible breadth indicated a distance of 2,000,000 miles. Suppose that an express train were to travel at its customary speed, 40 miles an hour, it would take in round numbers about 260 years to reach the sun, that is supposing the sun's distance from the earth to be 92,000,000 miles. A cannon ball fired from an Armstrong gun, and continuing its progress with its initial velocity, would take about 13 years to reach the sun, and were the sound of the gun's explosion to travel at the rate at which sound travels in our atmosphere, 13½ years would be consumed before the sound would reach the sun. This fact might show the absurdity

of praying to the sun, as some of the ancients did, for if it were possible for their prayers to travel at the rate at which sound travels, they could not be heard for 13½ years. Sensation travelled along the human nerve at about one-tenth the rate of sound, and hence if a child were born with an arm 92,000,000 miles long, and he stretched it towards the sun and got burnt, he would have to live for 132 years before he could know that the tip of his finger had been burnt. Light, which travels at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, takes nearly nine minutes to travel from the sun to the earth. But the sun is not more remarkable for its size—1,250,000 greater than that of the earth—than for its power. Its mass is 324,000 times greater than that of the earth. If the mass of the earth were equal to that of the sun, a half-ounce weight would be equal to the weight of four five tons of matter, and the same quantity of matter falling through a single inch would acquire great velocity before it struck the earth. When Newton discovered gravity it was thought that all the mysteries of Nature would be explained; but no sooner was the law of gravity discovered than another mystery rose behind it, and that mystery was expressed in the question "How did gravity operate?" He believed the mystery would yet be solved, and that then some greater mystery would rise up behind it, and after that a still greater mystery, and so on *ad infinitum*. At present the mystery of gravity as shown in the action of the sun, is inexplicable. The sun is not only great as regards its size and strength, but it possesses what may poetically be called benevolence. The lustre of the sun is 150 times greater than that of the oxyhydrogen lime light; so that if that light were held up between the eye and the sun it would appear on its glowing disc as a black spot. The lustre of the sun is vastly greater than that of the electric light. The heat which is poured out by the sun every day is enormous. The sun gives out every second an amount of heat equal to combustion of 11,700 millions of millions of tons of coal. The heat of the sun was supposed to result from the impact of meteoric masses, but that theory had now been abandoned. Sir William Thompson had supposed that the sun, by contracting, produced its own heat, but on that theory it was difficult to account for the fact that the earth had been operated on by solar heat for at least 105 millions of years. The general conclusion forced on the minds of thoughtful listeners by the facts narrated by the lecturer was that the sun is now in the condition in which our earth and all the planets were formerly, that he is, certainly, however slowly, contracting his diameter by cooling, and that unless some change of which we have no knowledge, and cannot even conceive of, occurs in the solar system, there must come a time when the sun will become cold and dark, and all life (as we know it) in the system will become extinct.

It Was Warm.

"Sakes alive," said the good-natured Colonel Solon, as he rushed into the Oil City Derrick office, "I never felt so warm as this but once afore in my life, and that at time 'twasnt so awful hot in the atmosphere, ither." "When was it, Colonel?" "Don't believe I ever told you that, did I? 'Twas some time ago. I was livin' in Jamestown, and was a respectable member of one of the churches, an', like all respectable members, had a ticket for my sleepin' berth during long sermons on hot days. One day when 'twas mor'n usually hot I was just a droppin' off to sleep when I thought I'd wipe my forehead. I felt but couldn't find my handkercher. Just then I noticed a white on the floor beyond my feet, an', bein' a little nigh-sited, I took it for my missing rag, and went for it. There warn't no partitions below the seats in that are church so when I reached down I saw some one in the pew front of me had a foot on my handkercher, an' it riled me a trifle; so when I got hold of it I yanked about 2cwt. on it first haul. Sakes alive! There was the alfredest scream yer ever heard, an' there I had got hold of old maid Jenkin's summer dress, an' yanked her off the seat an' under it into my pew afore I node myself. She flounced up in a second, with a long dust mark down her back, her hat jammed over one eye, her sleeve ripped open, an' half her false hair hangin' down on her shoulders. I jest set thar sort o' stunned like, with the minister an' the whole congregation watchin' her crawling out from under my pew, lookin' like as if we'd been havin' a fight, an' she'd got the worst of it, an' me not a-knowin' what to say. I ain't abin to church since, an' Miss Jenkins said I was drunk, they kind o' read me out of the place, an' I never had a chance to vindicate my karakter."

A discovery of diamonds is reported as having been made at Brisbane.

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OTAGO GOLDFIELDS.

Application for an Agricultural Lease.

District of Otago Goldfields,
August 30th, 1880.

To the Warden at Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a lease of land for agricultural purposes, situate at Burnt Cottage Gully, adjoining Loughnan's freehold, and comprising 50 acres or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Lease Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

ALFRED CLARK,

Per his agent, James Marshall.

NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me at Cromwell on the 24th day of September.

S. MEAD DALGLIESH,
Pro Warden.

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